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SUBJECT: MICRONESIAN POLITICIANS VISITS TO JAPAN

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1. EMBOFF JANUARY 30 CONVEYED TO 1ST NORTH AMERICAN DIVDIR
WATANABE SERIOUS CONCERN OF USG REGARDING INDEPENDENT CONTACT
BY MICRONESIAN POLITICIANS WITH GOJ, PER REFTEL. EMBOFF
ASKED THAT OUR VIEWS BE PASED TO HIGH GOJ OFFICIALS WHO
MIGHT BE OBJECTS OF FUTURE CONTACTS.

2. WATANABE UNDERSTOOD BASIS FOR OUR CONCERN, AND ASSURED
EMBOFF HE WOULD ALERT HIGH LEVELS OF GOJ. HE NOTED THAT
TOTAL CONTROL WOULD PROBABLY BE IMPOSSIBLE, SINCE NOSTALGIC
FEELINGS TOWARD MICRONESIA EXISTED AMONG TOP GOVERNMENT
LEADERSHIP AND THERE WERE PROBABLY SOME OBSCURE PERSONAL
TIES AS WELL, WHICH COULD MAKE ACCESS BY CERTAIN MICRONESIANS
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RELATIVELY EASY DESPITE FONOFF'S BEST EFFORTS.

3. WATANABE WONDERED WHETHER DIRECT MICRONESIAN ACCESS TO GOJ
WOULD BECOME LESS SENSITIVE UPON CONCLUSION OF SOME SPECIFIC
STAGE IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND WHETHER WE HAD IDEA AS TO
WHEN SUCH STAGE MIGHT BE REACHED. HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE EASIER
FOR FONOFF TO SELL IDEA THAT HIGH GOJ OFFICIALS SHOULD NOT

RECEIVE MICRONESIAN POLITICIANS IF THEY COULD BE TOLD PROHIBITION WAS OF SPECIFIC DURATION. IN THIS CONNECTION, WATANABE REITERATED HIS REQUEST THAT GOJ BE KEPT INFORMED OF PROGRESS IN STATUS NEGOTIATIONS, AND OF AREAS WE MIGHT CONSIDER ESPECIALLY SENSITIVE IN ANY GOJ-MICRONESIAN CONVERSATIONS THAT TAKE PLACE. EMBOFF SAID BEST PLACE FOR DETAILED BRIEFING WOULD BE WASHINGTON, AND SUGGESTED JAPANESE EMBASSY CONTACT EA/J.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT OFFERING FULL BRIEFING TO JAPANESE EMBASSY, WHICH WOULD UNDERSCORE NEED TO AVOID DIRECT GOJ-MICRONESIA CONTACT AND WOULD GIVE SOME INDICATION, PER WATANABE'S REQUEST, AS TO WHEN SUCH CONTACTS MIGHT BECOME LESS TROUBLESOME. MANSFIELD UNQTE VANCE

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